Clinical Advances in Periodontics publishes selected papers that describe practical applications of clinical decision making. The goal of Point-Counterpoint is to inform the reader about alternative approaches to the management of specific clinical situations for which there is insufficient evidence to support a single solution.

Point-Counterpoint involves two authors or groups of authors who have different approaches to a clinical situation. The different author groups must agree to submit the paper, but the two differing approaches will be independently written and presented as Clinical Approach #1 and Clinical Approach #2. Each Clinical Approach should have a maximum of 1,500 words, not counting abstract, tables, or references. A maximum of 15 image items, including tables, photos, and illustrations may be included as well as 20 supplemental items. See item 4 below or General Instructions for information on preparing digital art.

To draft a Point-Counterpoint
Prior to drafting the manuscript, identify a clinical situation for which there may be alternative approaches to management as well as an opposing author and contact one of the Co-Editors (kkornman@ilgenetics.com or mreddy@uab.edu) to confirm the appropriateness and uniqueness of the topic.

Papers must include the following sections in order:

1. Title Page/Abstract/Key Words:
   a. Title Page: Opposing authors should agree on a title that describes the clinical situation addressed, e.g., “Timing of Implant Placement in the Esthetic Zone.” Please see the General Instructions for other required title page information.
   b. Abstract: The abstract should be no more than 250 words combined and must include the following sections:
      i. Type of Case: Opposing authors should agree on a short description of the clinical situation to be addressed.
      ii. Clinical Approach #1 and Clinical Approach #2: Each author or group of authors should describe what characterizes and distinguishes their clinical approach, and why it should be considered by clinicians.
   c. Key Words: A maximum of six key words or short phrases, drawn from MeSH documentation, should be listed below the abstract.

2. Clinical Approach #1 and Clinical Approach #2:
   Each author or group of authors should submit their Clinical Approach separately and include the following sections:

a. Introduction: Describe why this clinical situation is important and why there is controversy.

b. Clinical Methods: Describe the key elements that distinguish your approach from others. Step-by-step photographs or short videos may be used, as appropriate.

c. Expected Outcomes: Describe expected clinical outcomes of your approach and include any published literature supporting your treatment decision.

d. Advantages and Limitations: Summarize the advantages and limitations of your approach in a table as shown below.

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3. **Rebuttals**: After the editorial office receives your manuscript, you will have an opportunity to review the opposing Clinical Approach and write a brief rebuttal on why you do not favor this solution. Both rebuttals will be published. Your rebuttal should be submitted as a separate file with your manuscript revision.

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